

Education Team

January 14, 2014

1:00

People Present: Robert Gorrill, Melissa Hackett, Elery Keene, Susan MacKenzie, Bonnie Sammons & Luther

Susan summarized Learning Circles, a program of the Northwest Earth Institute. This program creates community without a lot of time invested and provides a solid foundation for decisions people need to make for the future. There are multiple topic choices. It was decided to start with "Powering a Bright Future." (2012—2 sessions "The Big Picture Shedding Light on Energy" and "How to Plug In")

Goal: meets the need to holding monthly programs

Audience: high school through adult; 8 to 12 people per group

Place: Barrels (upstairs or downstairs?)

Date: Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday; end of February early March

Advertise the availability/ deadline/ include price/ bring \$ to first session

For further consideration: Could Jennifer find a grant? There are programs on climate change
Maybe we could align 4 topics with the briefings being planned by MMCAG?

Action Items:

Susan: Contact Tom about leading the first one

Susan: Look into ordering

Linda: Register this on Sentinel & Townline; SMMC, Waterville, Winslow, Barrels, Colby, MEANS, Chamber of Commerce web sites (Be clear to establish must sign up by deadline.)

Linda summarized the Climate Solutions to be held all day on March 12 at the Augusta Civic Center. She needs help staffing the SMMC table and is looking for additional educational materials.

Action Items:

Linda: Borrow materials from NRCM

All: Bring books

Linda reported that she obtained a \$500 grant from Inland Hospital's Community Benefit Program to be used for the garden at the Mid Maine Homeless Shelter. Robert received \$500 from Goodwill Hinckley for this garden. Linda has applied for supplemental funds through the Sow It Forward Program.

Action Items:

Linda: Contact Stu about attending the meeting at the Homeless Shelter & where to buy the soil

Robert: Check with Johnny's for seeds

Robert: Check the Maine School Garden Network

Linda distributed a copy of the Window Inserts handout that Peter Garrett is working on. (See attached.) A discussion followed about doing this. Maybe we could have a display about this on the SMMC table at Climate Solutions?

Action Items:

Linda: Check with Peter about coming to the next Education meeting

Linda: Check with Waterville Voc and MEANS about building these

Linda: Attach a copy of this handout

Action Item:

Melissa: Send your notes for the annual meeting for our review

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 11** at **12:30** in **IT Room** in **Waterville City Hall**. (The It Room is the same room we were in.)

Agenda:

Learning Circles

March 12